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Take Notice.

Our friends should be particular in addressing letters to publishers of this paper not to add "AND CITIZEN." It is possible that letters intended for us have fallen into the hands of those who attempt to destroy the paper has led them into all sorts of annoying capers.

The Duty of Massachusetts.

Wendell Phillips has never sought office; his devotion to freedom has been ever allied with a moral insight and foresight which made him shrink from the snares and blandishments of position and cling to reformatory independence. It is scarcely to the credit of our times that such men as Wendell Phillips are allowed to indulge their choice for non-official leisure.

The Summer State.

The people of the District of Columbia are actively at work in arranging for the securing of subscriptions to the Summer monument. The lady teachers are organizing a ladies' Summer monument association; the heads of benevolent societies are arranging to carry out Mr. Sella Martin's plan of getting their societies to act in raising a Summer memorial fund, to be deposited in their own name in bank, to be used, in connection with other funds thus contributed; and arrangements have been perfected to hold meetings in every precinct of the District, when the money raised will be placed at the disposal of the Ladies' Monumental Association.

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Martin was in the Star Chamber business before he was; well, yes; but Martin had the public spirit and courage to leave it, and the people unanimously support him. In this connection it is significant that Sella Martin has preserved his dignity by leaving to his friends the task of vindicating him, while Downing is left to his own support in a feeble attempt at self defense.

Martin vs. Downing.—The Difference Between the Men. A reporter of one of the New York journals called on Mr. Sella Martin to interview him on the subject of Downing's slanderous accusation, and this was the result: Reporter. "Mr. Martin, I called to get your views in regard to George T. Downing and his monumental association. Have you any objection to go into the whole matter?"

Our National Wealth.

The statistics of the last census in regard to the wealth of the nation four years ago contains interesting information pertaining to that subject even at this late date. The amassed wealth of the whole country, according to these statistics, was in 1870, \$30,068,488,507, against \$16,159,616,068 in 1860, and \$7,135,780,228 in 1850.

Opinions of Our Subscribers.

Mr. Douglass: The NEW NATIONAL ERA is a good paper, and I will take it as long as I get a dollar. Do you not think it would be well to have the market in it from the South?

The Massachusetts Senatorship.

The New York Times, becoming impatient at the delay of the Massachusetts Legislature in choosing Mr. Sumner's successor, recommends the election of Charles Francis Adams, and thinks it would be the most gratifying choice that could be made.

Modern Solons on "Inflation."

The passage of the bill by the House, limiting the greenback circulation at \$400,000,000, has brought down upon the heads of its members a flood of abuse from the hard-money portion of the press.

The "Barbarism of Slavery."

It is idle to suppose that the "barbarism" produced by the cruel course of slavery will be eradicated from the hearts of the people who were so long subjected to its terribly demoralizing and blighting influences, by the destruction of the institution.

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